

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 PORT O 02148 251556Z
ACTION ARA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 NSAE-00 NSCE-00
SSO-00 ICAE-00 INRE-00 PM-05 H-01 INR-10 L-03
PA-01 SP-02 SS-15 IO-13 /065 W
-----049374 251602Z /43
O 251553Z JUL 78
FM AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN
TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 2714

C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT OF SPAIN 02148

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, PGOV, RQ
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION ON PUERTO RICO
REF: STATE 186424

1. FOREIGN MINISTER DONALDSON CURRENTLY UNAVAILABLE. UPON RECEIPT OF PROCLAMATION CHARGE WILL ENDEAVOR MAKE PROMPT DELIVERY TO MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS PERMANENT SECRETARY BALLAH. I PLAN TO MAKE USE OF OCCASION AS NEW ARRIVAL HERE TO EXPLORE GOTT'S PRESENT POSITION AND TO EXPLAIN US POLICY RE PUERTO RICO ISSUE.

2. I WOULD, HOWEVER, APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE ABOUT DEGREE OF EFFORT THAT SHOULD BE EXERTED IN AN ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE GOTT TO MOVE AWAY FROM ABSTENTION. SUCH A DECISION BY GOTT WOULD ABSOLUTELY REQUIRE CONCURRENCE OF THE PRIME MINISTER, AND GIVEN HIS CONTINUING PSYCHOLOGICAL DISCOMPOSURE, WE WOULD, I FEAR, RUN THE VERY HIGH RISK OF AN ADVERSE DECISION. UNLESS MY CONVERSATION WITH BALLAH TAKES AN UNEXPECTEDLY FAVORABLE TURN, OUR INTERESTS MOST LIKELY WILL BEST BE SERVED BY KEEPING THIS APPROACH LOW-KEY. I KNOW THE RESULT OF THIS APPROACH IS UNLIKELY TO PRODUCE MORE THAN ANOTHER ABSTENTION, BUT THAT PROBABLY IS THE BEST OUTCOME WE CAN HOPE FOR AT THIS TIME.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 PORT O 02148 251556Z

3. I WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S DISCUSSING THIS MATTER URGENTLY WITH AMBASSADOR FOX, WHO IS SERVING ON A FOREIGN SERVICE SELECTION BOARD.

4. PLEASE ADVISE. O'MAHONY

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: DECLARATION, SELFDETERMINATION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 25 jul 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978PORTO02148
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780304-1205
Format: TEL
From: PORT OF SPAIN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780723/aaaaatdg.tel
Line Count: 60
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: dfb4676d-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 STATE 186424
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 03 jun 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1894724
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION ON PUERTO RICO
TAGS: PINT, PGOV, RQ
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/dfb4676d-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014